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The Urban District of Normanton



Annual Report

For the Year 1970

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To: The Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

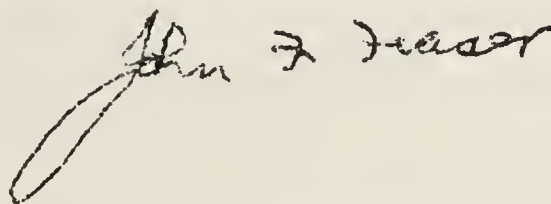
I have the honour to present for your information and consideration, a Report on the Health Services of the Urban District during the year 1970.

The Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector dealing with all the Sanitary Services of the District, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food Supplies, is complementary to this Report.

For your information, certain details of the present Health Services administered by the County Council are included.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Medical Officer of Health

PART I

Statistics and Social Conditions of the area

Area of District in Acres	3061
Population, mid year, Registrar General's estimate ...	18350
Number of Inhabited houses at the end of 1970	6597
Rateable Value	£365,673
Product of Penny Rate	£3,400

Summary of Vital Statistics of the District for 1970 in comparison with 1969

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Population	18350	18440
No. of Live Births	278	295
No. of Still Births	6	7
No. of Infant Deaths under 1 year of age	8	9
No. of Deaths (all ages)	248	212
Comparability Factors (see footnote)		
Births	1.02	1.02
Deaths	1.17	1.18
Crude Birth rate	15.1	16.0
Adjusted Birth rate	15.4	16.3
Crude Death rate	13.5	11.5
Adjusted Death rate	15.8	13.6
Infant Mortality rate	29.0	31.0
Perinatal Mortality rate	35.2	43.0
Neonatal Mortality rate	18.0	20.3
Maternal Mortality rate	-	-

The comparability Factors for births and deaths are supplied by the Registrar General and when the crude rates are multiplied by these Factors, the resulting rate is that which would apply if Normanton had the same age and sex constitution as the Country as a whole.

Vital Statistics for the Year, 1970

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	141	119	260
Illegitimate	8	10	18
	149	129	278

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 15.1

<u>Deaths (All ages)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	124	124	248

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population: 13.5

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	4	6

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths: 21.0

<u>Infant Mortality</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	4	4	8

Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births:	29.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births:	27.0
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births:	56.0

Neonatal Mortality

No. of deaths of Infants under four weeks:	5
Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births:	18.0

Perinatal Mortality

No. of Still Births and Deaths under 1 week:	10
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths:	35.2

Maternal Mortality

There were no Maternal Deaths during the year.

Causes of Death (All ages)

The principle causes of Death are set out in the following table:-

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	8	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	5	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	14	2	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	7	7
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	6	11
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	2	1	3
Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	2	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	32	40	72
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	8	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	14	12	26
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	7	12
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	5	6	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	21	-	21
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	3	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	4	1	5
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1

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Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	3	4
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	2	1	3
TOTAL	124	124	248

Vital Statistics of the District over the Ten Years 1961 - 70

Year	Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Maternal Mortality
1961	18,390	16.6	14.6	23	22.4	-
1962	18,510	16.7	13.1	23	15.9	-
1963	18,490	19.3	13.5	29	19.6	-
1964	18,360	20.4	12.8	41	13.4	-
1965	18,420	18.8	13.1	27	20.2	-
1966	18,570	17.9	14.1	12	24.0	2.99
1967	18,580	17.7	11.9	25	27.1	-
1968	18,550	16.5	13.9	13	13.2	-
1969	18,440	16.3	13.6	31	23.2	-
1970	18,350	15.4	15.8	29	21.0	-

Comparison of Normanton Vital Statistics with other
West Riding areas, the West Riding Administrative
County and England and Wales, 1970

	Normanton Urban District	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Administrative County	England Wales
Crude Birth Rate	15.1	17.2	17.3	16.0
Adjusted Birth Rate	15.4	17.6	17.5	-
Crude Death Rate	13.5	12.5	11.7	11.7
Adjusted Death Rate	15.8	13.0	12.7	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	0.02	0.02	0.02
Tuberculosis Other Forms	-	0.01	0.01	0.01
Tuberculosis All Forms	-	0.03	0.03	0.03
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.87	0.52	0.50	0.62
Cancer All Forms	2.89	2.29	2.14	2.39
Cerebrovascular Disease	1.42	1.89	1.75	*
Circulatory Diseases (except Cerebrovascular Disease)	5.50	4.76	4.44	*
Respiratory Diseases	1.91	1.82	1.69	*
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	0.36	0.29	0.18
Perinatal Mortality Rate	35.2	24.1	24.4	23.5
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	18.0	13.2	13.2	12.3
Infant Mortality Rate	28.8	19.5	19.8	18.2
Stillbirth Rate	21.1	13.3	13.6	13.0

* Figures not available

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and other Diseases

Disease	Jan- March	April- June	July- Sept.	Oct- Dec.	Total	No. admitted to hospital
Measles (except Rubella)	1	6	226	1	234	-
Scarlet Fever	4	2	3	1	10	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	6	22	28	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	1	1	1

Table showing corrected notifications of Infectious Diseases 1961-70

Year	Measles	Whooping Cough	Suspected Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Meningo- coccal Meningitis	Total
1961	632	21	1	15	78	-	747
1962	70	12	1	14	2	-	99
1963	595	6	-	15	1	-	617
1964	89	52	-	15	9	-	165
1965	127	10	-	80	4	-	221
1966	351	16	-	53	4	-	424
1967	60	35	-	20	1	-	116
1968	274	38	-	4	-	-	316
1969	6	-	2	19	-	-	27
1970	234	28	-	10	1	1	274

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases and the number of deaths occurring in 1970 are shown in the following table:-

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and Over	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

The following table gives the position regarding Tuberculosis in the Normanton Urban District in 1970.

Summary of Register

	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Total
Number of cases on Register - 1st January.	42	2	44
New Cases notified during year	4	-	4
Restored to Register	-	-	-
Transferred from other areas	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	2	48
Number of cases removed from Register during the year.	6	-	6
Number of cases left on Register at end of year.	40	2	42

National Assistance Acts, 1948 - 51

Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, was designed to help persons who, suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged or physically handicapped, being in insanitary conditions, are unable to devote to themselves and are not receiving from others proper care and attention. Under the original Act, applications were submitted to a Magistrate's Court for the removal of such persons, but the Amendment Act of 1951 introduced an accelerated procedure whereby application can be made to a Justice of the Peace.

No action was taken in Normanton during the year.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

HEALTH DIVISION NO. 11

Castleford	M.B.
Pontefract	M.B.
Featherstone	U.D.
Knottingley	U.D.
Normanton	U.D.
Osgoldcross	R.D.

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Divisional Health Office,
Baghill House,
Walkergate,
Pontefracr.

The year 1970 has been eventful both in our own Division and in the Health Service generally.

In April, the former Divisions 11 and 12 were fused into an enlarged Division 11, comprising Pontefracr and Castleford Boroughs, Knottingley, Featherstone and Normanton Urban Districts, and the Rural District of Osgoldcross. The population of the new Division was 130,000. The operation of fusion and the alignment of procedures were carried out smoothly.

Towards the end of the year, we had to prepare to hand over our Home Help and Mental Health Services to the new Department of Social Services which was to become operational on the 1st April, 1971.

Also during the year we were made aware of major changes impending not only in local government but in all the Health Service as well. Although details of these changes are still being worked out, it seems clear that all three of the present branches of the Health Service will be welded into one, and the present personal Health Services administered by the County Council will be removed from local government altogether.

Our nursing services have been well maintained during the year though recruitment of midwives is now proving difficult. The lack of full-time medical staff has been a constant and increasing problem. It is a problem, moreover, which will continue until the future of the Departmental Officer and indeed of the County District Medical Officer is determined and made clear.

Meanwhile, some contraction of our services is inevitable, though the more important ones will be maintained.



Divisional Medical Officer

Section 1

Vital Statistics

Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

Castleford	M.B.	38,990
Pontefract	M.B.	31,140
Featherstone	U.D.	15,320
Knottingley	U.D.	18,250
Normanton	U.D.	18,350
Osgoldcross	R.D.	9,320
Total Division 11		<u>131,370</u>

Births

Total number of live births registered
in the Divisional area 2,317

Crude Birth Rates

Division No. 11	17.6
West Riding Administrative County	17.3
England and Wales	16.0

Deaths

Total number of deaths registered
in the Divisional area 1,414

Crude Death Rates

Division No. 11	10.8
West Riding Administrative County	11.7
England and Wales	11.7

Infant Mortality

Total number of deaths of infants
under 1 year 60

Infant Mortality Rates

Division No. 11	25.9
West Riding Administrative County	19.8
England and Wales	18.2

Maternal Mortality

Total number of maternal deaths --

Maternal Mortality Rates

Division No. 11	--
West Riding Administrative County	0.29
England and Wales	0.18

Section 2

Care of Mothers and Young Children

Health Centres and Clinics

The following table gives details of the attendance of children at Health Centres and clinics in the Divisional area during 1970

Name and Address of Centre	No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year
	1970	1969	1965-1968		1970	1969	1965-1968	
C.W.C. Trinity Street, Pontefract	369	308	277	954	3169	2195	711	6075
C.W.C. Albert Street, Featherstone	165	187	86	438	1407	1333	377	3117
Methodist Chapel, Streethouse	45	30	22	97	523	268	118	909
Health Centre, Knottingley	240	231	195	666	2539	1672	520	4731
Methodist Chapel, Ferrybridge	60	69	76	205	591	593	274	1458
Mobile Clinic	99	92	65	256	657	746	278	1681
C.W.C. Crewe Road, Airedale	285	215	59	559	2654	1744	606	5004
St. Paul's Church, Glasshoughton	83	57	43	183	1170	771	179	2120
C.W.C. Sagar Street, Castleford	262	241	109	612	2843	2326	467	5636
The Mini Clinic, Lock Lane, Altofts	70	99	42	211	869	857	138	1864
C.W.C. Church Lane, Normanton	146	146	43	335	1302	1012	289	2603
TOTALS	1824	1675	1017	4516	17724	13517	3957	35198

At the end of the year the construction of the new Health Centre in Welbeck Street, Castleford, was well advanced and it was expected that it would be available for use in early 1971. Approval had been obtained for the erection of a Health Centre in Albert Street, Featherstone, on the existing clinic site and it was hoped that building would commence early in 1971.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Clinics

Relaxation classes for expectant mothers were held at various clinics in the Divisional area. The following table gives details of attendances during the year.

Name and Address of Centre	Number of women who attended during the year			Total number of attend- ances made during the year		
	Institu- tionally booked	Domici- liary booked	Total	Institu- tionally booked	Domici- liary booked	Total
Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract.	76	3	79	398	18	416
Albert Street Clinic, Featherstone.	43	5	48	215	37	252
Health Centre, Knottingley.	58	3	61	158	12	170
Child Welfare Centre, Church Lane, Normanton.	40	9	49	168	65	233
Child Welfare Centre, Sagar Street, Castleford.	59	1	60	340	6	346
Total	276	21	297	1,279	138	1,417

Care of the Premature Baby

During the year 189 babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less were born in Hospitals or Maternity Homes to mothers resident in the Division. Twenty-one were born at home.

Section 3

Health Visiting

The following table gives details of visits carried out by Health Visitors during the year.

Cases visited by Health Visitors		No. of cases (i.e. first visits)
1	Total number of cases	17519
2	Children born in 1970	2334
3	Children born in 1969	2520
4	Children born in 1965-68	5641
5	Total number of children in lines 2-4	10495
6	Persons aged 65 or over (excluding 'domestic help only' visits)	2059
7	Number included in line 6 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital	1405
8	Mentally disordered persons	47
9	Number included in line 8 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital	38
10	Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	313
11	Number included in line 10 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital	290
12	Number of tuberculous households visited (i.e. visits by health visitors not employed solely on tuberculosis work)	17
13	Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	862
14	Other cases	3061
15	Number of tuberculous households visited by tuberculosis visitors (i.e. employed <u>solely</u> on tuberculosis work)	735

Diabetic Liaison

The arrangement whereby a Health Visitor attends at the Diabetic clinics held at the Castleford Hightown Hospital and Pontefract General Infirmary continued. She is able to discuss with the Hospital staff every aspect of care required by the patients who attend. Arrangements are made for the patients to be visited subsequently either by a Health Visitor or District Nursing Sister.

Geriatric Liaison

Two Health Visitors attend a case conference each week at Headlands Hospital, Pontefract, where the progress of the patient, his social needs, are discussed, so that arrangements can be made for the provision of any service from my Department to be available when the patient returns home.

The Health Visitors make follow-up visits after the patient returns home.

Section 4

Home Nursing Service

All the District Nurses working in the Divisional area are attached to individual medical practices or groups of practices rather than working on an area basis. This system has worked extremely well and the closer co-operation between the doctors and nurses has been more satisfactory both to them and to the patients.

A large number of different items of equipment for loan to patients being nursed at home is available in the Division. These include wheelchairs, walking aids, bed pans, rubber sheets, commodes, beds, mattresses, foam rings, hydraulic hoists, etc. During the year 1,628 issues of such equipment were made.

The tendency to use disposable materials has continued and nowadays disposable catheters, urine bottles and sputum mugs are being used. The issue of disposable paper sheets to incontinent patients has increased considerably. These are a great help to the relatives who would otherwise be faced with large amounts of unpleasant daily washing.

Work undertaken during the year by home nurses in general practitioners' surgeries

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| (a) Number of cases treated by home nurses at general practitioners' surgeries | 11,781 |
| (b) Total time spent by home nurses at general practitioners' surgeries | (hours) 1,708 |

During the year the following work was undertaken by District Nursing Sisters.

Classification	Number of cases attended by Home Nurses during the Year	Number of visits paid by Home Nurses during the Year
(1) Medical	3,209	58,247
(2) Surgical	1,005	13,688
(3) Infectious Diseases	148	491
(4) Tuberculosis	9	448
(5) Maternal Complications	126	982
(6) Other	24	443
Totals	4,521	74,299
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year	2,290	48,516
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year	357	1,078
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year	664	49,987

Day and Night Nursing Service

A limited service is provided in cases where an emergency arises during the terminal stages of illness to help relatives who have been faced with prolonged periods caring for patients. This enables them to get a few nights sleep without interruption. The staff employed can either be trained nurses or "sitters-in", depending on the needs of the patient.

Section 5

Midwifery

The proportion of home confinements was about 21% of the total births.

Early discharges from hospitals and maternity homes and the investigation of home circumstances of mothers booked for 48 hour discharge continue to impose a considerable amount of visiting on the midwives. They also attend the Mothercraft and Relaxation classes held at Health Centres and Clinics in the Division.

The following figures relate to the Divisional Area.

Domiciliary Midwifery

(a) No. of home confinements	492
(b) No. of patients receiving trilene alone	141
(c) No. of patients receiving pethidine alone	102
(d) No. of patients receiving trilene and pethidine	168

Early discharges from hospitals and maternity homes

(i) Discharged at 48 hours	230
(ii) Discharged at 2 - 5 days	364
(iii) Discharged at 5 - 10 days	416
Total	<u>1,010</u>

Institutional Midwifery

Patients from this Divisional area are admitted to either the Castleford Maternity Home or Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth. The booking of these patients is carried out by my Department on an agency basis for the Pontefract, Castleford and Goole Hospital Management Committee.

During the year accommodation was provided for all patients having their first baby and for all those with home conditions unsuitable for a home confinement. Of the remaining applicants a high proportion were allotted beds.

Section 6

Home Help Service

There was a further increase in demand for this service during the year. The Divisional establishment of Home Helps was the equivalent of 93 full-time Home Helps. All the Home Helps work on a part-time basis and at the end of the year 230 staff were employed.

In October, Miss K. Duker was appointed as Home Help Organiser for the Divisional area. It was hoped to appoint two assistant organisers early in 1971 after which supervision and control of the service would be transferred from the nursing staff.

The following table reveals the benefit which the aged and chronic sick received from this service.

	No. of cases			Hours employed
	From previous year	New Cases	Total	
(i) Aged 65 or over on first visit during year ...	1,079	277	1,356	196,532
(ii) Under 65 years on first visit during year:-				
(a) Chronic sick and tuberculous	176	33	209	14,865
(b) Mentally disordered	-	-	-	-
(c) Maternity	1	17	18	582
(d) Others	29	13	42	2,133
TOTALS	1,255	340	1,625	214,112

Section 7

Chiropody

The County Council's scheme provides free chiropody for the following:-

1. Elderly persons (Males 65 years or over
Females 60 years or over)
2. Expectant Mothers.
3. Physically handicapped patients.

Patients are usually treated by the chiropodists at County Council Clinics, but when unable to do so on medical grounds, treatment is given at home.

The following table gives details of work undertaken during the year.

Total No. of Clinic Sessions	1055
Total No. of Patients treated at Clinics	2209
Total No. of Attendances at Clinics	8516
Total No. of Patients treated at home	926
Total No. of treatments given at home	3807

Section 8

Health Education

The teaching of positive health and ~~the~~ prevention of disease continued to be carried out by all members of the nursing team either on an individual or group basis. It covered all age groups from the antenatal period to old age.

Midwives are responsible for individual health education to expectant mothers at the antenatal clinics and in their own homes.

Antenatal teaching classes are held in each area where a comprehensive programme for healthy motherhood is carried out, including certain exercises.

Expectant mothers attending some of the classes have the opportunity to visit the maternity home into which they are booked to see where their confinement will take place and also to meet the nursing staff.

District Nursing Sisters are concerned with all age groups, but in particular the elderly. This involves both the teaching of patients and the relatives in nursing care and health matters.

Health Visitors are the field workers in preventative medicine and therefore are involved with all aspects of health education to the family. She carries out individual teaching in the homes she visits, being primarily concerned with children under five years, school children and the elderly.

More formal teaching in the form of group discussion is carried out in the clinics. In the schools, programmes are arranged to cover a wide range of subjects including hygiene, child care, smoking and health.

A wide range of visual aids are available, including films, filmstrips and posters.

Requests are received from voluntary associations for speakers to be supplied on a variety of health matters. During the year, talks have been given on cervical cytology, family planning, mothercraft and child care.

Section 9

Screening Tests

Cervical Cytology

This service provides for the examination of women, who, although physically well, may suffer from a pre-cancerous condition known as Carcinoma-in-Situ. All that is involved is a simple and painless examination and the taking of a cervical smear.

There has been a steady flow of applications.

During the year 847 smears were taken and 3 patients were found to have positive smears.

Well Woman Clinic

A special clinic session was established at the Sagar Street Clinic every Tuesday morning at which married ladies are invited by appointment to be examined by one of our Medical Officers. The following tests and examinations are carried out.

- Cervical Smear test
- Urine examination
- Blood Pressure
- Blood test (Haemoglobin)
- Vision
- Hearing
- Weight
- Height

During the year 45 clinics were held and 427 patients examined. It was necessary to refer 94 patients to their General Practitioners for various conditions.

The results of all the tests are sent to the patient's general practitioner as a routine.

Ortolani Testing for Congenital Dislocation of the Hip

This test is carried out by Midwives, Health Visitors and Clinic doctors on babies coming into their hands for the first time. During the year 6 children were referred to specialists and confirmed as cases of congenital dislocation of hip and splinted. Nineteen other children were referred to specialists but found not to have dislocation of hip or given appointments for further investigation.

Phenylketonuria

Phenylketonuria is an inherited metabolic disease which causes brain damage and mental deterioration but if diagnosed early there is the possibility of preventing irreversible mental deterioration if special dietary control is taken. Every child has a simple blood test performed at about six days old. This is done either in the maternity home or by the domiciliary midwife.

The tests on all babies in this area during the year proved negative.

Section 10

Mental Health Service

The Divisional area has its full establishment of four Mental Welfare Officers whose duties are concerned with the fore-care and after-care of mentally disordered persons and with the admission of such persons to hospital when this becomes necessary. A twenty-four hour admission service is operated with other Mental Welfare Officers in adjoining Divisions.

Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinic

With the co-operation of local Consultant Psychiatrists and the local Hospital Management Committee, Mental Welfare Officers attend at Psychiatric Out-Patients clinics held at Beancroft Road, Castleford, and at Pontefract General Infirmary on three occasions each week.

Psychiatric Social Club

A Social Club is held every Monday evening from 7.00 p.m. at West Villa, Hightown, Castleford. There are 23 names on the register with an average attendance of 10. Club night is looked forward to by all members and a happy family atmosphere exists throughout each session.

Airedale Training Centre

The year commenced with 107 Trainees on Roll. During the year 9 Trainees were admitted and 8 left, leaving a total in December, 1970, of 108.

Emphasis on social speech, sense and habit training continues to be predominant in the Centre routine.

The adult section of the Centre continues to produce a good variety of items. The goods produced by the male trainees are mainly wood constructions. The female trainees are mainly engaged on items of needlework and craft.

The social activities during the year included a Christmas Toy Service held in the Salvation Army Hall, Castleford, on the 9th December. Each Trainee provided at least one toy to be given to less fortunate children, sang carols and played the chime bars. This was followed later in the month by the Christmas parties at the Centre, one for the Juniors and one for the Adults, on the 15th and 22nd December, respectively.

By the end of the year, new legislation had been introduced which would involve the transfer of the Junior Wing of the Centre to the Education Department and the transfer of the Adult wing to the control of the new Social Services Department of the County Council in 1971.

Section 11

Vaccination and Immunisation

Community immunisation in this country is at present directed to the prevention of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox, Tuberculosis, Measles and this year, for the first time, German Measles.

In 1968 the Ministry of Health recommended a revised schedule of vaccination and immunisation procedures and this schedule was adopted in this area. This is as follows:-

<u>Age</u>	<u>Procedures</u>
Six months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine. (First dose)
Eight months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine. (Second dose)
Fourteen months	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral polio vaccine. (Third dose)
Sixteen months	Measles vaccination.
Eighteen months	Smallpox vaccination.
Five years	Diph/Tet. and oral polio vaccine or Diph/Tet/Polio vaccine. Smallpox re-vaccination.
Eleven to twelve years	B.C.G. Vaccine.
Fifteen years	Polio vaccine (oral or inactivated) Tetanus Toxoid Smallpox re-vaccination.

Children born on or after 1st April, 1968, have been dealt with under this schedule. All the appointments and follow-up procedures are dealt with by the County Council computer at Wakefield.

Immunisation against German Measles (Rubella) commenced in October, 1970, and this was offered to all girls between their eleventh and fourteenth birthday.

The immunity which it gives lasts a considerable time, and through the usual child bearing life. That is the important fact, for although Rubella is usually a mild disease in childhood and adolescence it can cause miscarriages or handicaps in the baby if the disease occurs in the early months of pregnancy. Some of these handicaps (including blindness, deafness and heart disease) are very serious indeed.

Due to the shortage of vaccine, priority in the first instance was given to those girls in their fourteenth year. As supplies become more freely available all girls between 11 and 14 years of age will be offered vaccination.

The following tables show the number of children in the Divisional area vaccinated or immunised against the various diseases during the year.

	Year of Birth						Totals
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966-1963	Others aged under 16	
Diphtheria							
Primary	32	1,271	405	21	153	7	1,889
Reinforcing	-	25	26	10	969	69	1,099
Whooping Cough							
Primary	32	1,262	402	20	15	1	1,732
Reinforcing	-	12	14	4	44	2	76
Tetanus							
Primary	32	1,271	405	21	150	13	1,892
Reinforcing	-	25	26	13	982	151	1,197
Poliomyelitis							
Primary	32	1,274	407	24	216	128	2,081
Reinforcing	-	25	25	12	762	170	994
Measles							
Primary	1	528	683	157	204	26	1,599
Rubella							
Primary	-	-	-	-	-	484	484

Smallpox	Age at Date of Vaccination				
	Under 1 year	1 year	2-4 years	5-15 years	Total
Primary	11	1,019	209	81	1,320
Revaccinations	-	-	5	18	23

B.C.G. Vaccination of School Children in Accordance with
the Provisions of Ministry of Health Circular 19/64

1.	No. of medical officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination						<u>3</u>
2.	<u>Acceptances</u>						
	(a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary, whether the offer was made during the year or previously						<u>1,386</u>
	(b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously						<u>39</u>
	(c) No. of acceptances						<u>1,194</u>
	(d) Percentage of acceptances, i.e. (c) to (a) - (b)						<u>88.64%</u>
3.	<u>Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Test</u>						
	(a) No. of children 2(c) tested						<u>1,143</u>
	(b) Result of test:	<u>Heaf Test</u>	<u>Mantoux Test</u>				
	(i) Positive	<u>82</u>	<u>-</u>				
	(ii) Negative	<u>1,040</u>	<u>-</u>				
	(iii) Not ascertained	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>	TOTAL			<u>1,143</u>
	(c) Percentage positive, i.e. (b) (i) to (b) (i) + (ii) ...	<u>7.31%</u>	<u>-</u>	TOTAL			<u>7.31%</u>
4.	<u>Vaccination</u>						
	No. vaccinated:-						
	(a) Following negative Heaf Test						<u>1,024</u>
	(b) Following negative Mountoux Test						<u>-</u>
				TOTAL			<u>1,024</u>

School Health Service

The basis of the School Health Service has traditionally been founded on the routine medical inspection of all pupils at certain stages of their school life. Changing social patterns and the ready availability of medical attention through the National Health Service have induced many authorities to concentrate the efforts of school doctors more on the ascertainment and follow-up of children with special handicaps or about whom nurses, teachers or parents are concerned.

In September, 1968, it was decided to retain as routine examinations only the first (entrants) and the last (leavers) for all children. In the intervening years the parents are asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and only those children thought to require examination are dealt with. The following tables show the number of examinations carried out and the defects found.

Classification of the Physical Condition of Children
examined at periodic medical inspections

Age Groups inspected (By year of Birth)	No. of Pupils who have received a full medical	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED		No. of pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment(excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory		for defective vision (excluding squint)	for any other condition recorded at Part II	Total indi- vidual pupils
		Number	Number				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1966 and later	219	219	-	-	2	54	56
1965	575	575	-	-	11	109	116
1964	656	655	1	-	21	95	111
1963	86	86	-	67	3	17	19
1962	259	257	2	435	14	76	86
1961	132	132	-	161	6	27	32
1960	36	36	-	90	-	4	3
1959	85	83	2	92	2	8	9
1958	94	94	-	215	5	17	20
1957	48	48	-	112	2	3	5
1956	330	330	-	-	15	114	119
1955 and earlier	432	432	-	-	21	94	115
TOTAL	2,952	2,947	5	1,172	102	618	691

Col. (3) total as a percentage of Col. (2) 99.49%

Col. (4) total as a percentage of Col. (2) 0.51%

Defects found by periodic and special Medical
Examinations during the Year

Defect Code Number	Defect or Disease		Periodic Inspections				Special Inspection
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
4	Skin	T	49	107	20	176	24
		O	37	26	28	91	14
5	Eyes - a. Vision	T	36	36	30	102	13
		O	76	100	44	220	36
	b. Squint	T	20	-	8	28	5
		O	38	22	24	84	20
	c. Other	T	2	-	2	4	2
		O	2	1	3	6	3
6	Ears - a. Hearing	T	37	12	28	77	25
		O	30	6	24	60	13
	b. Otitis Media	T	7	4	3	14	1
		O	62	13	21	96	17
	c. Other	T	7	7	5	19	7
		O	6	2	3	11	3
7	Nose and Throat	T	42	13	20	75	7
		O	162	11	37	210	46
8	Speech	T	16	-	7	23	11
		O	59	1	9	69	16
9	Lymphatic Glands	T	2	-	1	3	-
		O	45	1	9	55	6
10	Heart	T	7	1	1	9	1
		O	21	6	27	54	51
11	Lungs	T	39	9	8	56	9
		O	54	10	29	93	27
12	Developmental						
	a. Hernia	T	4	-	1	5	1
		O	5	-	2	7	3
	b. Other	T	16	30	13	59	22
		O	62	16	32	110	51
13	Orthopaedic						
	a. Posture	T	1	-	-	1	-
		O	8	9	12	29	4
	b. Feet	T	41	11	6	58	25
		O	16	16	13	45	17
	c. Other	T	1	4	2	7	1
		O	22	21	13	56	19

Defect Code Number	Defect or Disease		Periodic Inspections				Special Inspection
			Entrants	Leavers	Others	Total	
14	Nervous System						
	a. Epilepsy	T	2	1	1	4	3
		O	11	2	11	24	11
	b. Other	T	6	4	15	25	15
		O	75	6	23	104	56
15	Psychological						
	a. Development	T	4	-	8	12	4
		O	35	1	37	73	9
	b. Stability	T	2	2	3	7	6
		O	107	18	67	192	41
16	Abdomen	T	1	3	1	5	-
		O	6	1	11	18	3
17	Other	T	8	7	5	20	3
		O	35	3	29	67	7
18	TOTALS	T	350	251	188	789	185
		O	974	292	508	1,774	473

T = Requiring Treatment
O = For observation only

Cleanliness Inspections

Routine and request inspections were carried out at each school by the school nurses and a total of 54,779 inspections and re-inspections were carried out. Six hundred and seventy-seven individual children were reported to be unsatisfactory but it should be pointed out that in the majority of cases the degree of infestation is extremely light.

The remedial procedure adopted on the discovery of these defects is to notify the parents informally in the first instance, visiting if necessary to give advice on the methods of dealing with infestation. If cure is not effected the nurse visits the home and interviews the parents, and finally, if it is evident that insufficient care is being exercised, the Statutory Notice under the Education Act, 1944, is sent requiring the child to be cleansed to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer or to the person appointed by him for that purpose within 48 hours.

Consultant Orthopaedic Clinics

Mr. R. W. L. Calderwood, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, holds a monthly clinic at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract. During the year 7 sessions were held, 41 children were seen who made 43 attendances.

Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics

A special clinic is held at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract, by Mr. K. E. Mayall each fortnight. Details of these clinics are as follows:-

1. Number of sessions held during the year - 49		
	<u>Pre-school children</u>	<u>School Children</u>
2. Number of individual children seen by consultant including those continuing attendance from previous year	5	132
3. Number of (2) above referred for operative treatment	2	64
4. Number of children:		
(a) who obtained operative treatment during the year	1	65
(b) treated at school clinics	2	38
5. Total number of attendances at consultant clinic	16	385

Consultant Paediatric Clinics

Dr. J. D. Pickup holds a clinic at the Divisional Health Office, Castleford, as and when required.

Details of the clinics held are as follows:-

1. Number of sessions held during year - 3

	<u>Pre-school Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>
2. Number of individual patients seen:		
(a) new cases	-	2
(b) cases attending from previous year(s)	1	21
3. Total number of attendances at clinics	1	23

Ophthalmic Clinics

These are held at the Divisional Health Office, Castleford, and Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract.

Total number of attendances	2,000
Number of pupils for whom glasses prescribed	575

Child Guidance Clinic

A Child Guidance Clinic is held every Wednesday at the Central Clinic, Trinity Street, Pontefract. Dr. K. N. Maxwell, Psychiatrist, is in charge of the clinic and has the assistance of Mr. P. W. Atkinson, Psychologist, and Mrs. P. Harris, Social Worker in Psychiatry. The following table gives details of work undertaken during the year:-

Number of sessions held during year - 95

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of new cases during year	41	28	69
Total number of cases discharged or admitted for residential treatment	48	31	79
Number of cases carried forward	36	15	51

Speech Therapy

Special clinics are held in the Division at the Sagar Street Clinic, Castleford, Central Clinic, Pontefract, Health Centre, Knottingley, and at the Castle Day Special School for Educationally Subnormal Children.

I give below details of the work undertaken:-

1.	Number of half-day sessions held during the year	...	...	...	336		
2.	(a) Number of children seen for the first time during the year...	100					
	(b) Number of children attending for treatment from previous year	132					
	Total number of children treated $\sqrt{2(a) + 2(b)}$ to agree with Form 8M (iii)F7	...	...	...	...	...	232
3.	Number of children awaiting treatment at end of year	...	...	39			
	(a) Interviewed and placed on waiting list	...	...	3			
	(b) Not seen	...	...	36			
4.	Children Discharged during the year:					Boys	Girls
	Total	...	...	...	...	51	38
	Analysis	...	...	...	...	-	-
	Speech normal	...	...	...	...	19	13
	Speech improved	...	...	...	...	19	8
	Unsuitable for treatment	...	...	...	...	-	1
	Non co-operation	...	...	...	...	7	11
	Admitted to special schools	...	...	...	...	2	2
	Left school	...	...	...	...	3	2
	Left district	...	...	...	...	-	1
	Other reasons (private treatment)	...	...	...	...	1	-
5.	Number of visits made to schools	...	...	...	...	...	46
6.	Number of home visits	...	...	...	...	...	58
	<u>Analysis of Children Treated</u>					Boys	Girls
1.	Stammerers (Dysrhythmia)	...	...	...	...	29	2
2.	Defects of Articulation due to:						
	(a) Cleft palate	...	...	...	...	5	2
	(b) Cerebral palsy	...	...	...	...	2	1
	(c) Other structural malformations	...	...	...	...	8	10
	(d) Other causes, e.g. neurological	...	...	...	...	15	11
	(e) No specific cause found	...	...	...	...	48	42
3.	Disorders of Language due to:						
	(a) Retarded language development (non-specific)	...	...	...	...	20	11
	(b) Retardation with associated subnormality	...	...	...	...	11	6
	(c) Retardation associated with deafness	...	...	...	...	5	2
	(d) Dysphasia	...	...	...	...	-	1
	(e) Aphasia	...	...	...	...	1	-
	(f) Other reasons	...	...	...	...	-	-
4.	Dysphonia	...	...	...	...	5	-
5.	Other defects	...	...	...	...	-	-

Examination of Handicapped Children

The regular medical examination of handicapped children continued during the year and where necessary recommendations were made to the Education Authority for the placement of children in special schools.

Section 13

Miscellaneous Services

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visits the area each year. The policy of the Board is to concentrate their efforts on examining work people in industries where there is a greater risk in contracting chest diseases rather than holding sessions for members of the general public.

During the year the following figures relate to this area:-

Total number of persons x-rayed	4,624
Number of active cases of Tuberculosis found	2
Number of inactive cases of Tuberculosis found	14
Number of non-Tuberculous abnormalities	23

Family Planning

The County Council allows free use of clinic premises and equipment to the Family Planning Association and in addition provides an annual grant to the Association.

In this area the Association holds weekly sessions at the Castleford Hightown Hospital and the Central Clinic, Pontefract.

It is anticipated that additional sessions will be started in 1971 at the Knottingley Health Centre and Normanton Clinic.

Nurseries and Child Minders Regulation Act

Under this Act the County Council is required to control the registration of nurseries, play groups and child minders. Each application for registration is carefully considered and a full inspection of premises is carried out to verify that satisfactory standards are maintained.

At the end of the year, seven play groups were registered and these were authorised to accept a total of 163 children. Three daily minders were registered to receive a total of seven children.

Regular visits of inspection were made to the premises during the year.

Co-ordinating Committees on Problem Families

Within most communities there are a number of families who present special problems which fall to the lot of social workers over a wide sphere of activity to deal with. Occasionally, and often tragically, circumstances lead to the break-up of families, and young children being taken into permanent care by the Children's Authorities. Usually with this type of family a number of social agencies are involved and for this reason, periodic meetings are convened to share information, concert action, avoid overlapping or conflicting advice, and to strive to the utmost of endeavour to prevent family break-up, consistent of course with the physical and mental well-being of the children.

The responsibility for the conduct of these meetings devolves upon the Divisional Medical Officer. Quarterly meetings were held separately in the Castleford and Pontefract area during the year.

Battered Babies

Early in 1970, Ministry Circular C.M.O. 2/70 drew attention to the problem of young children who are injured by their parents. It was felt that local discussion should take place amongst all agencies concerned with child care so that a definite course of action should be planned for dealing with this problem.

A committee was therefore established in the Divisional area involving the Consultant Paediatrician, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Divisional Medical Officers, Children's Officer, N.S.P.C.C., Nursing Officers and Police. The need for early recognition of the problem was discussed and a policy formulated for dealing with any case or suspected case of the syndrome. Following the original meeting subsequent committee meetings have been called to deal with individual cases. These have proved most helpful and excellent liaison has been established between the Hospital Service, the Local Authority services and the N.S.P.C.C.

Medical Examination of Staff

During the year the following medical examinations were carried out on behalf of the County Council:-

Entrants to Teacher Training Colleges	130
Entrants to Teaching Profession	14
School Meals Service	101
Superannuation	90

Section 14

General Provisions of the Health Services

A. HOSPITALS

Facilities for patients from this area are provided at the following hospitals.

1. General Hospital Accommodation

Castleford Hightown Hospital
Pontefract General Infirmary
Ackton Hospital, Featherstone

2. Maternity Homes

Castleford Maternity Home
Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth

3. Chronic Sick

Headlands Hospital, Pontefract
Southmoor Hospital, Hemsworth

4. Mental Hospitals

Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield

5. Isolation Hospitals

Burntwood Hospital, Brierley
Seacroft Hospital, Leeds

B. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The West Riding County Council provide the ambulance service and there is a depot situated in Smawthorne Lane, Castleford, Telephone Castleford 2281.

C. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory at Wood Street, Wakefield, (under the administration of the Medical Research Council of the Department of Health and Social Services) accepts bacteriological, biological, entomological and chemical investigations from General Practitioners and the Public Health Department.

Divisional Staff at 31st December, 1970

Divisional Medical Officer

J. F. Fraser, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Senior Departmental Medical Officer and School Medical Officer

Castleford - Vacancy

Pontefract - S. F. Schofield, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.
(on leave of absence)

Medical Officers for Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical Services

Full-time

Vacancies

Part-time

D. Atkins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

M. M. Brearley, M.B., Ch.B.

D. J. Haiste, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

M. Mason Jones, M.B., B.S., D.P.M.

J. L. Mabbott, M.B., B.S.

F. J. Penrose, M.B., Ch.B.

Wm. C. Palmer, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G.

J. R. Scholey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

J. D. Sutcliffe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

A. Vaux, M.B., B.S.

Leeds Regional Hospital Board - Visiting Staff

Paediatrician

J. D. Pickup, M.D., Ch.B., D.C.H.

Ophthalmologists

K. K. Prasher, M.B., B.S., D.O.

L. Wittels, M.D., D.O.

Orthopaedic Surgeon

R. W. L. Calderwood, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Oto-Rhino Laryngologist

K. M. Mayall, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., F.R.F.P.S.G., L.R.C.P., D.L.O.

Child Guidance Clinic

Psychiatrist - Dr. K. N. Maxwell

Psychologist - P. W. Atkinson

Social Worker - Mrs. P. Harris

Divisional Nursing Officer

Mrs. M. Craig

Health Visitors and School Nurses

Mrs. J. Allsopp
Mrs. M. E. Bedford
Mrs. P. M. Brice
Miss L. O. I. Day
Mrs. S. N. Dinsdale
Miss A. Elsley
Mrs. M. Faulkner
Mrs. M. D. Fisher
Mrs. P. Grindel
Mrs. S. A. Izon
Mrs. V. M. Newby
Mrs. C. M. Parry
Miss P. S. Patterson
Miss M. Reading
Miss I. J. Robinson
Mrs. M. P. Sawyer
Mrs. M. B. Toplis
Mrs. E. M. Vipurse
Mrs. P. M. Wadsworth
Mrs. M. K. Walsh
Mrs. M. A. Ward
Mrs. L. Whiteley

Assistant Health Visitors

Mrs. M. Clarkson
Mrs. L. Hudson

Tuberculosis Health Visitor

Mrs. A. Eades

Midwives

Mrs. C. Apperley
Miss F. Baker
Mrs. K. Berry
Mrs. K. Clarkson
Mrs. E. Glover (relief)
Mrs. P. Green
Miss C. Norton
Mrs. J. R. Pearson
Mrs. A. M. Randall
Mrs. M. Richardson
Mrs. D. Tomlinson
Mrs. A. Watson
Mrs. S. Whitehead
Mrs. M. Wylie

Home Nurses

Full-time

Miss M. Andrew
Mrs. M. Bennison
Mrs. M. Berwick
Mrs. C. P. Bowler
Mrs. J. E. Busson
Mrs. S. Calvert
Mrs. S. Cumming
Mrs. S. G. Cousins
Mrs. S. Eaton
Mrs. M. L. Etherington
Mrs. K. Frain
Mrs. M. Golding
Mrs. F. Green
Mrs. P. Howes
Mrs. M. A. E. Jewitt
Mrs. V. McVeigh
Mrs. S. Megson
Mrs. A. Pearce
Mrs. J. M. Fycock
Mrs. P. Tinker
Mrs. D. Vause
Mrs. M. Yates

Part-time

Mrs. M. R. Moore

Home Help Organiser

Miss K. Duker

Mental Welfare Officers

Mr. G. V. Byett

Miss M. Horsley

Mr. T. Perrins

Mr. G. F. G. Townend

Training Centre Supervisor

Mrs. M. Stone

Speech Therapists

Mrs. N. Hepworth (part-time)

Miss M. W. Ind

Administrative and Clerical Staff

Divisional Administrative Officer W. Carver

Deputy Divisional Administrative Officer - C. R. Pickering

Senior Clerk - W. R. Wood

Mrs. A. Ball

Mrs. D. Camp (part-time)

Mrs. M. H. Carver (part-time)

Miss N. Cawthra

Mrs. B. Chapman

Mr. T. Crook

Mrs. J. M. Williamson

Mrs. C. Hardy

Miss S. M. Hill

Mrs. G. Hutchinson

Miss J. Littlewood

Mrs. L. Murgatroyd

Miss M. Nicholls

Mrs. P. Ramsdale (part-time)

Mrs. J. Sampson

Mrs. E. Slack (part-time)

Mrs. S. A. Smith (part-time)

Miss M. Steels

Mrs. M. Tate

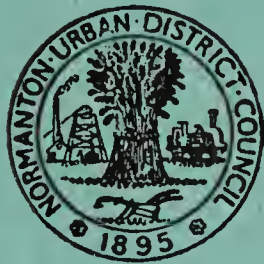
Miss J. M. Wallace

Mrs. B. Whittingham (part-time)

Mrs. F. Wilson (part-time)

Mrs. J. L. Windmill

The Urban District of Normanton



Annual Report

OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1970

Public Health Inspector:
F. WILSON, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., M. Inst. P.C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
ON THE WORK OF HIS DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Normanton

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary and Cleansing Service for the year 1970. The report on Sanitary Administration covers the year ending 31st December, 1970, whilst the Cleansing Section is for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1971.

Much routine work was done during the year under the Public Health Acts and as a result a considerable number of repairs were carried out.

Many improvement and standard grant applications were made during the year, in the main by owner/occupiers and the Council continued to help in these cases as much as possible, whilst deploring at the same time the failure of some landlords to take advantage of these grants. On the other hand some owners and agents were at last beginning to take advantage of the scheme.

With regard to Slum Clearance seven Clearance Areas were declared by the Council during the year, comprising 103 houses and in addition reports were made to the Council in respect of 2 individual unfit houses, on which Closing Orders were made.

During the year much work was done under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963, and many contraventions were found and the necessary notices served.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

A considerable proportion of the work of my department is still devoted to the elimination of nuisances, sanitary defects and housing repairs generally.

The following is a summary of the work in this connection:-

Total number of Nuisance Inspections made	452
Total number of Inspections made	2216
Total number of houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts	558
Total number of Informal Notices served	132
Total number of Statutory Notices served Public Health Acts	66

These were split up as follows:-

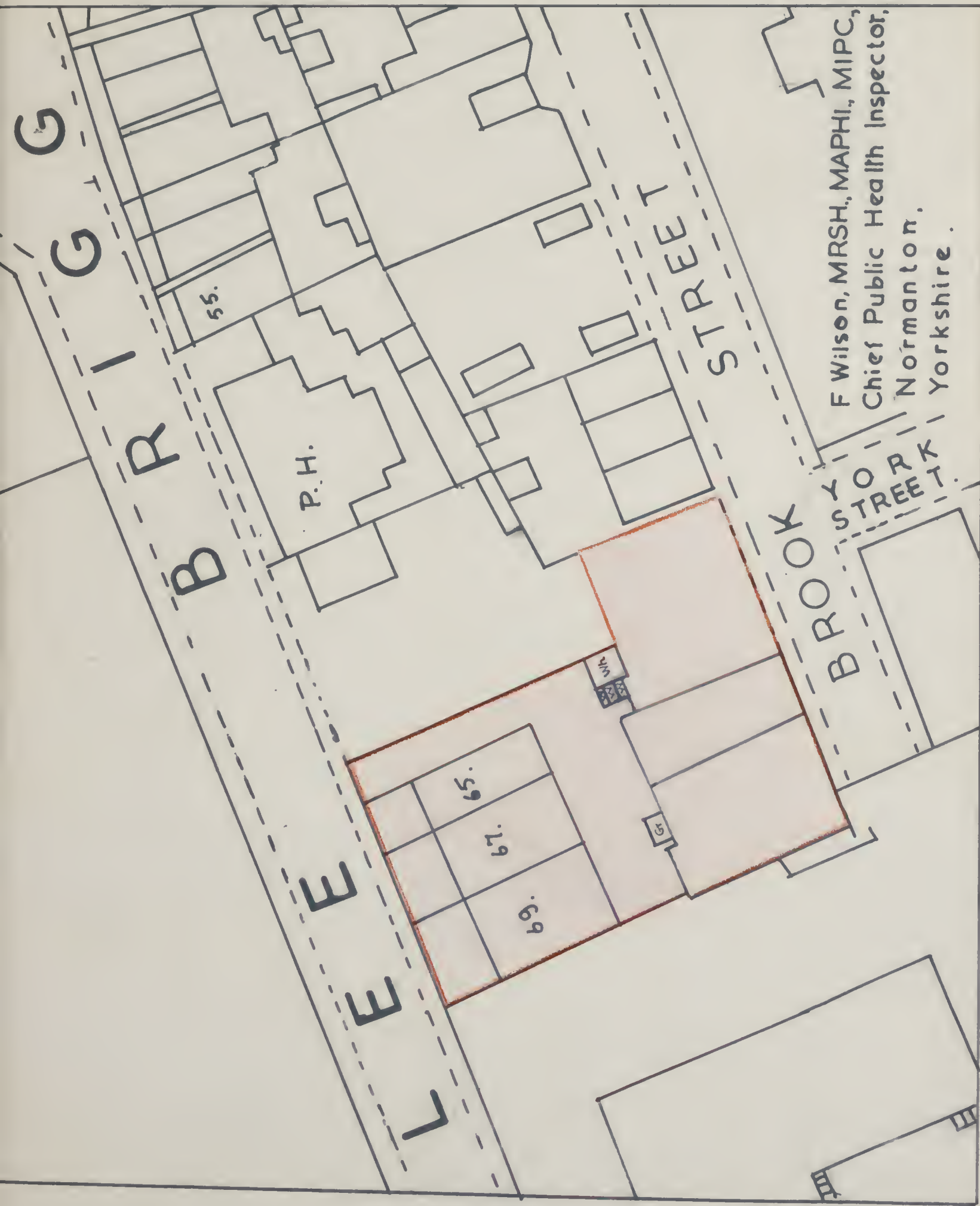
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Section 39 Notices	6
Section 45 Notices	17
Section 75 Notices	8
Section 93 Notices	35

Public Health Act 1961

Section 17 Notices	-
Section 18 Notices	-
Section 26 Notices	-
	<u>66</u> Total

Section 93 Final Notices	12
Nuisances outstanding end of 1969	68
Nuisances found 1969	198
Total needing abatement	266
Abated during	201
Outstanding end of 1967	65
Notices served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
Notices under Section 9 complied with by the Local Authority in default of owners	Nil



W - WATER CLOSET.

Gr - GREENHOUSE.

Wh - WASH HOUSE.

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0953
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2453
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Lower

0349
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1049
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Allotment Gardens
1847
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Cricket
Ground

Altofts Miners' Welfare
Recreation Ground

0534
5.87

1534
4.63

Allotment
Gardens

3237
4.33

Football
Ground

Bowling
Green

Clothing Factory 0523
.41

0617
1.69
Playground

Albert Terrace

1520
.50

Bowling
Green

EDWARD STREET

PEARSON STREET

2421
13.93

Allotment Gardens

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Club

Hope
Terrace

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ELLENTRES LANE

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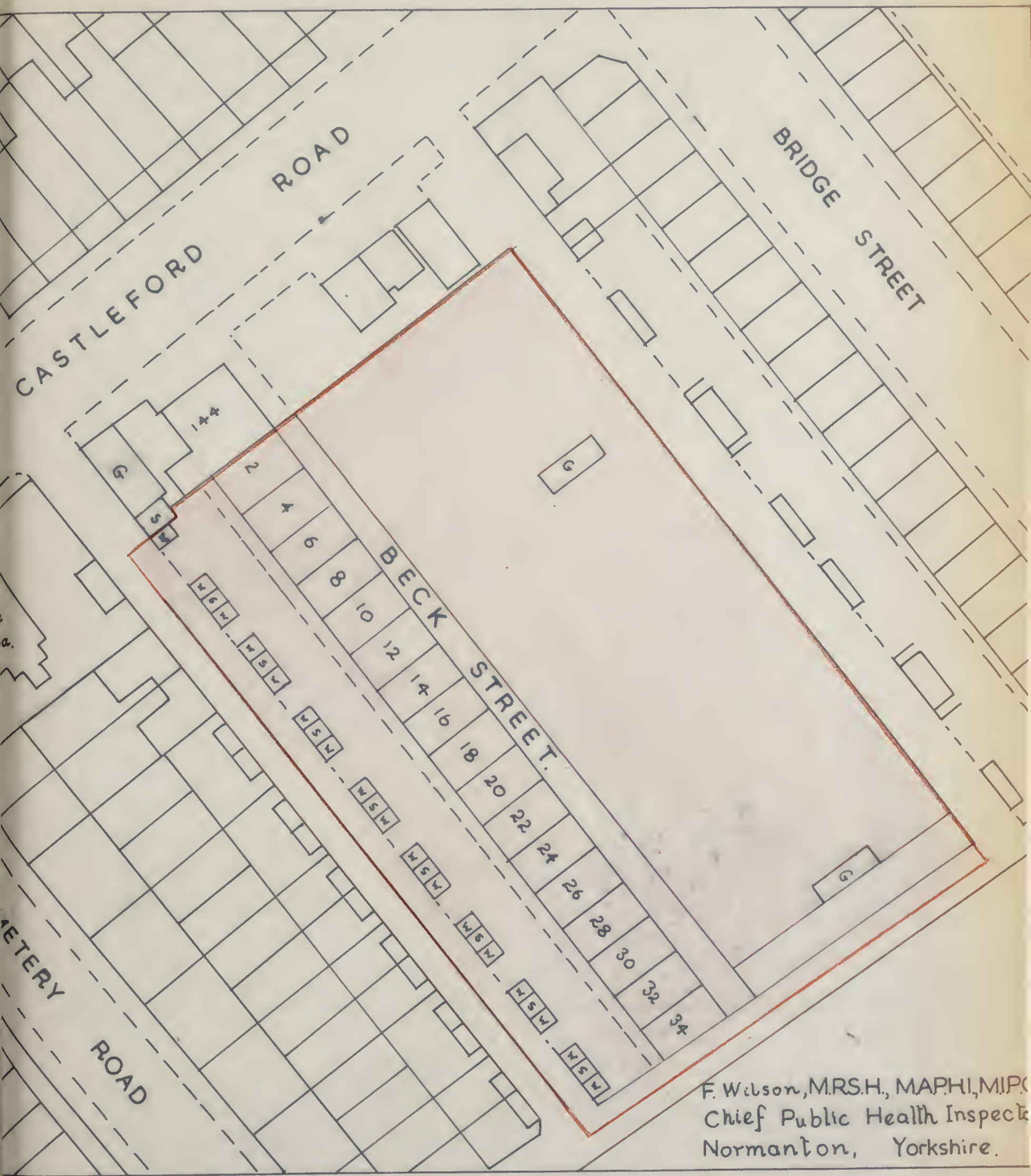
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During the year Slum Clearance was continued, and Clearance Areas were declared by the Council in respect of the following seven areas:-

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Urban District of Normanton - Church Road - (No. 121) - Clearance Area 1970.	5
Urban District of Normanton - Lee Brigg - (No. 122) - Clearance Area 1970.	3
Urban District of Normanton - Pearson Street - (No. 123) - Clearance Area 1970.	3
Urban District of Normanton - Beck Street - (No. 124) - Clearance Area 1970.	18
Urban District of Normanton - Wakefield Road - (No. 125) - Clearance Area 1970.	10
Urban District of Normanton - West View/Altofts Road - (No. 126) - Clearance Area 1970.	56
Urban District of Normanton - Thompson Street - (No. 127) - Clearance Area 1970.	8
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Total	<u>103</u>

Plans of these are included in the report.

In addition Closing Orders were made in respect of two individual unfit houses.

HOUSING STATISTICS

No. of Dwellinghouses in District	6579
No. of Houses included in above (a) Back-to-Back	3
(b) Single back	2

It is very gratifying as more and more houses are demolished to report a considerable reduction of the number of back-to-back houses and single back type of houses which are a carry over from the worse period of the Industrial Revolution.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

No. of houses included in representations made during the year	
(a) in Clearance Areas	103
(b) Individual Unfit Houses	2
(c) Local Authority houses certified unfit	Nil

	Number of Houses	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
A.1. HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	195	172	53
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) On land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act 1957	-	-	-
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
A.2. NUMBER OF DWELLINGS INCLUDED ABOVE WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS CLOSED	-	-	-
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), and 35 (1), Housing Act 1957	2	2	1
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	28	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	16	-
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contain- ed in Column (1)
Position at end of year	(1)	(2)
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	-	-

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	Number of Houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	(1)	(2)
	-	-

No. of families rehoused during the year into Council owned dwellings.	(1) Clearance Areas, etc.	54
	(2) Overcrowding	96

OVERCROWDING

Survey carried out in 1935, now out of date.

It seems ridiculous in these days when Town Planners are demanding more space for almost all development that there is kept in being out-dated legislation introduced by the Housing Act, 1935, some 34 years ago regarding overcrowding, a standard which asked only for the minimum amount of space for each person in the home.

NEW DWELLINGS

No. of new dwellings completed during the year

By Local Authority 141 by Private Enterprise 69

GRANTS FOR CONVERSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

	Formal applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	Number of dwellings completed during year
	Number of dwellings	Number of dwellings	
(a) <u>CONVERSIONS</u> (The number of dwellings is the number resulting from completion of the work)	2	Nil	Nil
(b) <u>IMPROVEMENTS</u> Discretionary	82	75	62
Standard	22	20	19

No. of Council Houses:-

(a) traditional type houses	2023
(b) old persons flatlets	26
(c) caretakers flat	1

REPAIRS

The following is the list of work carried out during the year as a result of notices served:-

Roof repairs	31
Chimney stacks repaired or re-built	3
Verge fillets repaired or renewed	1
Chimney pots replaced	6
Flashings to chimneys repaired or renewed	2
Eaves gutters cleared, repaired or renewed	14
Chimney flues repaired or re-constructed	6
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	3
Gratings provided to gullies	2
House walls repaired or re-built	10
Skylights repaired or renewed	1
Ventilation bricks provided to walls	4
Doors and frames repaired or renewed	21
Weatherbars provided and repaired	2
Door steps renewed	2
Windows repaired or re-hung or replaced	28
Sash cords replaced	18
Window heads repaired or renewed	3
Kitchen ranges repaired or renewed	14
Ovens repaired or renewed	1
Sitting room firegrates repaired or renewed	6
Bedroom firegrates repaired or renewed	1
Firebacks repaired or renewed	8
Ventilated food stores provided	9
Plasterwork of walls and ceilings repaired or renewed	31
Floors repaired or renewed	8
Wash-hand basins renewed	1
Sinks renewed or re-fixed	14
Broken and defective sink waste pipes renewed	4
Staircase re-constructed or repaired	1
Dustbins renewed	82
Coal store roofs repaired	2
Coal store doors repaired	1
Coal store walls repaired	2
Cellar grates renewed	1
A sufficient supply of water provided to dwellinghouse	9
New taps provided	4
W.C. roofs repaired	6
W.C. doors repaired or renewed	4
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	10
W.C. Pedestal basins renewed	6
W.C. seats repaired or renewed	6
W.C. walls repaired or re-built	1
Defective connections between W.C. basin and flush pipe repaired	7
No. of premises provided with adequate sanitary accommodation for public use	1
Burst W.C. pipes repaired or renewed	39
Stopped W.C. drains	4
Defective W.C. drains repaired or re-laid	4
Defective surface water drains cleared or repaired	2
Leaking yard drains repaired or renewed	1
Drainage systems overhauled and re-laid	32
Drains cleared	506
Vent shafts repaired or renewed	1
Yard surfaces repaired or renewed	4
W.C. soil pipes repaired or renewed	2
Cases of cellar flooding remedied	3
Hopper heads cleared, repaired or renewed	1
Accumulations of offensive refuse removed	4

Dirty and insanitary yards, areas etc, of buildings cleansed	2
Dirty and insanitary premises cleansed	3
Burst water supply pipes repaired or renewed	2
Defective hot water system repaired	1
Nuisance from keeping animals abated	2
Handrails provided	8
Yard walls repaired or re-built	6
Yard gates repaired or renewed	6
Smoke nuisance	3
Manhole covers repaired or renewed	6

WATER

The whole of the water supply is obtained in bulk from Wakefield and District Water Board. It is filtered and chlorinated by the supplying authority, although owing to the uncoated condition of the mains, much of the chlorine is dissipated by the time it arrives in Normanton.

All dwellings in the district are supplied from the water mains (i.e. 100%).

No dwellings have a private piped supply.

During the year under review regular routine samples for bacteriological and chemical examinations were taken.

	No. of samples submitted	No. Satisfactory
Bacteriological Samples	13	13
Chemical Samples	1	1
Totals	14	14

With the formation of the Wakefield and District Water Board on the 1st October, 1961, Local control passed from the hands of the Council and yet another function was taken over by a larger authority. It is, however, pleasing to realise that the excellent work done by the Council over the years is still with us in the form of the new water mains constructed by the Council, which will no doubt continue to render excellent service to the public of Normanton for many years to come.

WATER SUPPLY - PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The water used for filling is from the mains of Wakefield and District Water Board.

Routine samples of water in the Bathing Pool of the Public Swimming Baths, High Street, Normanton were submitted during the nine months the bath was open.

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Month	Bacteriological Samples			Chemical Samples	
	No. Obtained	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory	No. Obtained	No. Satisfactory
March	2	2	-	-	-
April	10	10	-	-	-
May	8	8	-	-	-
June	6	6	-	-	-
July	8	8	-	1	1
August	4	4	-	-	-
September	8	8	-	-	-
October	6	6	-	-	-
November	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	54	54	-	1	1

A Wallace and Tiernan Breakpoint Chlorination Plant is installed and the bath was well maintained at all times. The water was changed in the middle of the swimming season.

The high standard which has been such a characteristic of the baths in Normanton over a considerable number of years was maintained.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No. of houses connected to sewers 6570
 No. of houses with satisfactory private drainage 13
 All district is sewered, 27 isolated houses are beyond the reach of the sewers but no practical steps can be taken in this direction.

Owing to the effects of mining subsidence over the years the Council last year carried out major works of reconstruction to the Normanton sewers. These are working very well. The Council have now in mind a similar scheme for Altofts but this has not yet been commenced.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses provided with water closets 6583
 No. of houses provided with waste water closets Nil
 No. of houses provided with chemical closets 12 (0.23%)
 No. of houses provided with privies 2 (0.3%)
 No. of earth closets etc., converted to waste water closets 2
 No. of houses served with earth closets, etc., due to lack of sewer or water facilities 14

There are 27 houses beyond the reach of the sewers which cannot be extended for practical reasons, although this number will be reduced when the Altofts Main Drainage Scheme is carried out.

Routine inspections were made under the Agriculture (Safety Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory.

The Council empty all chemical closets without charge and supply chemicals for the closets. This system does function satisfactorily and whilst nothing can, of course, be as good as a water carriage system, this is the next best thing.

Cesspools are emptied by the Karrier Yorkshire combined gully and cess-pool emptying machine which is very satisfactory.

TESTING

I am responsible for testing all drains in the district to both new and old properties.

564 inspections were made during the year in connection with drainage. The smoke, colour and water tests were used in different cases.

506 drains were cleared by the Council's drain-man during the year.

This is a most essential and necessary service in a coal mining district such as Normanton, where the question of mining subsidence is always somewhat of a problem.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are now no offensive trades carried on in the district. The premises previously used have closed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Council's site for showmen proved adequate and is well screened from the roadway. The Council, of course, continue to provide the necessary services for this site.

Some nuisance occurred from tinker type caravans squatting on Council land. These were removed by bulldozer on many occasions.

----- FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1961

INSPECTIONS

1. The following inspections were made to Factories by the Public Health Inspector:-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	29	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises.)	-	-	-	-
Totals	68	40	-	-

DEFECTS

2. The following improvements were carried out to Factory Premises during the year:-

(1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (D3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	4	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	5	-	5	-

There are 8 outworkers employed in the making of clothing in the district. Conditions at these premises were satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

The work is carried out by the Part-time Rodent Operator and the table set out below gives details of types of infestations dealt with. The figures shown are for the Calendar Year 1970. No difficulties were experienced.

Three of the staff were trained in the Ministry Rodent Control Methods. The keeping of animals on allotments is the main source of infestation, although no doubt subsidence is a contributory factor.

Systematic sewer treatments were carried out and in addition the table set out below shows the general work carried out by the department in this connection:-

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u>	
	<u>NON- AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
1. Number of properties	6885	19
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	208	1
b. Number infested by (1) Rats	136	1
(11) Mice	72	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	212	-
b. Number infested by (1) Rats	3	-
(11) Mice	-	-

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year?

Yes

Treatments were carried out.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

10 timed smoke observations were taken during the year.

No industrial smoke nuisance occurred during the year.

The Urban District of Normanton - Haw Hill Park - (No. 1) - Smoke Control Order 1967 which included 152 premises and has an acreage of 56 acres or thereabouts, was suspended during the year due to shortage of smokeless fuel. The Council have not yet made any other Orders for obvious reasons.

The Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide Instrument at 'Neville House', Neville Street, Normanton gave the details shown below during the year 1970.

Month	Smoke Concentration Microgrammes per Cubic Metre			Sulphur Dioxide Concentration Microgrammes per Cubic Metre		
	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value
January	311	855	91	238	735	87
February	208	548	107	221	556	107
March	194	373	42	215	538	115
April	113	259	77	157	349	106
May	63	134	20	127	189	51
June	39	77	17	100	165	64
July	59	108	23	92	155	60
August	Out of action - transferred to Town Hall, Normanton					
September	Not in use full month	315	32	Not in use full month	355	79
October	138	484	10	146	296	50
November	192	605	52	187	354	98
December	218	789	67	218	567	109

FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

MILK SUPPLY

The majority of the milk sold in Normanton is bottled pasteurised milk and bottled T.T. pasteurised milk from a large combine, and from two Co-operative Societies in neighbouring districts. There are, also, five licenced dealers in the supply of Tuberculin Tested (Raw) Milk.

No. of dealers licenced to sell U.H.T. Milk	1
No. of dealers licenced to sell T.T. (Raw) Milk	2
No. of dealers licenced to sell Pasteurised Milk	24
No. of dealers licenced to sell Sterilised Milk	48
No. of Producer-Retailers	1

The responsibility for the issue of milk licences previously issued by the Normanton Urban District Council now rests with the West Riding County Council.

Samples of milk were taken by the Public Health Inspector as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised Milk	5	-
T.T. Pasteurised Milk	-	-
Sterilised	3	-
Tuberculin Tested	4	-
Biological Tests for Tuberculosis	-	-
Culture Tests for Brucellosis	4	-

34 visits were made to licenced premises during the year.

In addition the following samples were taken by the County Public Health Inspector:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised Milk	22	-
Raw Milk (T.T.)	4	-
U.H.T. Milk	1	-

We have no pasteurising plants in the district and our raw milk from farms goes to one of the neighbouring boroughs.

From an administrative point of view this renders any action to keep check on the milk prior to pasteurisation impossible at local level.

No complaints were received during the year regarding the quality of milk delivered to the consumers and as can be seen above all the samples taken by myself and my staff were satisfactory.

Samples taken by the Officers of the West Riding County Council within the area

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	37	-
Drugs	5	-
Other Foods	10	0

No prosecutions were taken since all the samples were satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

78 premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, 77 of these being retailers and 1 being a producer-retailer. A total of 42 inspections were made to registered premises during the year. Of these 26 visits were made to registered premises and 16 to producer-retailers premises.

No. of samples taken	18
No. Satisfactory	14 (Grade I - 14
No. Unsatisfactory	4 Grade III

The unsatisfactory samples were from the producer-retailer. A warning was given and further samples proved satisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION

No slaughtering now takes place within the district, all slaughtering is done at the new public abattoir in Castleford.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD PREMISES

206 visits were made to butchers shops.

235 visits were made to other food shops together with 41 visits to food preparing premises.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the districts.

FOOD CONDEMNED

<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
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Tinned Meats

10 tins of stewed steak		10	0
4 tins of corned beef		24	0
2 tins of chopped pork		8	0
6 tins of lunch tongues	1	8	0
6 tins of cooked shoulder of Pork	2	8	10
3 tins of boiled ham		27	0
2 tins of lambs livers		20	0

Tinned Vegetables

5 tins of baked beans		5	0
3 tins of peas		3	0

Tinned Fruit

2 tins of pineapples		2	0
5 tins of peaches		9	6
2 tins of peas		3	12
8 tins of tomatoes		8	0
2 tins of apricots		3	12

Tinned Soups

8 tins of soup		7	8
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Tinned Cereals

2 tins of rice		2	0
3 tins of sago		3	0

Carried Forward	2	0	13	0
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	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	Ozs.
Brought Forward	2	0	13	0
<u>Tinned Milk</u>				
5 tins of milk			2	11
<u>Cheese Spread</u>				
64 dox 3 ¹ / ₂ oz. packets cheese spread	1	2	0	0
<u>Frozen Food</u>				
Peas			24	6
Fish fingers			2	8
Cod			25	0
Chips			20	0
Beefburgers			14	0
Fish fingers			4	0
Rissoles			13	0
Fish Cakes			5	0
Beef pies			2	0
Chicken pies			5	0
Prepared meats			8	0
Haddock steaks			9	0
Kippas			2	0
Cod batter			1	0
Pasties			8	0
Sprouts			16	0
Beans			14	0
Mixed vegetables			3	0
Mousse			2	0
Braised beef			3	8
Fish cakes			2	0
Full total	5	1	1	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

The list of food shops in the district is as follows:-

Chop Suey Parlour	1
Butchers	32
Fish & Chip Shops	24
Greengrocers (Retail)	16
Greengrocers (Wholesale and Stores)	5
Grocers	63
Mixed Businesses	36
Sweet & Tobacco	11
Confectioners	7
Bakehouses	7
Snack bars and Cafes	6

262 visits were made under the Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations as a result of which the following action was taken:-

No. of written informal notices served under the Act and Regulations
10

No. of cases in which verbal notices were given.
6

The following is a summary of the work carried out as a result of action taken above.

Shop fronts repaired or renewed	1
Defective ceilings repaired or renewed	4
Defective floors repaired or renewed	1
Paved yards provided or re-laid	1

Sinks provided	3
Ventilation provided to shops, foodrooms etc	2
Hot water supply provided	2
Wash-hand basins provided	2
Soap and towels provided to shops, food-rooms etc	2
Walls of shops and foodrooms decorated	4
Ceilings of shops and foodrooms redecorated	4
Glass show cases provided to shops	2
Other action taken to prevent contamination of food	1
Notices provided in Sanitary Conveniences regarding washing of hands	6
Refrigerators provided	3

A close check was kept during the year on food delivery vans and the following is a summary of the work carried out as a result of the above action.

Proper washing facilities on delivery vans. 2

No legal action was taken during the year.

MARKETS

The Council some time ago carried out major improvements to the Market to comply with the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966.

Each food stall now is totally enclosed on three sides, has a concrete floor, is lined with impervious material, and has a sink and wash hand basin with hot and cold water, and electric points for heating.

The Council can be justly proud of their market.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

42 visits were made during the year to cases of infectious diseases and 31 disinfections were carried out after infectious diseases.

64 library and other books were disinfected during the year in the cabinet modified for this purpose.

Bedding was disinfected at the Sanitary and Cleansing Department, Castleford. The Council's van being used for transporting this.

PESTOLOGY

The following 51 disinfestations were carried out to the houses shown for the following reasons:-

Bugs	2	{The Council now do not carry out Hydrogen Cyanide Fumigation of furniture from slum clearance houses, but rely on D.D.T., instead where necessary.}
Woodbeetles	11	
Blackclocks	19	
Silverfish	14	
Ants	5	
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PETROLEUM ACTS

12 premises are licenced to store petroleum and all these have under-ground tanks.

21 visits were paid during the year to premises licenced under the Act.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL GENERAL POWERS ACT, 1951

35 hairdressers and barbers were registered under the above Act at the end of the year, as also were 23 Food Hawkers and 5 Food Hawkers premises.

The total number of visits made for the purpose of the Act was 35.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT

AND REGULATIONS 1951

No. of premises registered under the Act	1
No. of premises licenced for manufacture or storage for distribution of such materials	Nil
No. of visits made under the Act during the year	2
No. of samples taken	Nil

No cautions were issued and no prosecutions were made.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One pet shop is licenced under the above Act in respect of birds, goldfish and tortoises.

Three visits were made during the year when it was found that the requirements of the Act were being complied with.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are no Animal Boarding Establishments in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following are details of action taken under the above-mentioned Act during the year:-

TABLE A - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of regist- ered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4)
Offices	1	22	11
Retail Shops	5	80	54
Wholesale Shops, Warehouse	-	6	3
Catering establishments opened to the public, canteens	1	11	6
Fuel Storage depots	-	1	-
Totals	7	120	74

TABLE B - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES -
(90)

TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	64
Retail Shops	295
Wholesale departments, Warehouses	42
Catering establishments open to the public	59
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	1
Total	461
Total Males	163
Total Females	298

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS - Nil

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS - Nil

TABLE F. INSPECTORS

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) 2

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on
work in connection with the Act 1

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

The Council is responsible for all refuse collection and disposal and for the collection and subsequent disposal of salvage.

(1) Refuse Storage

The following are the types of receptacles in use at the end of the year:-

Dustbins	7724
Privy Middens	2
Pail Closets	12

Galvanised dustbins recommended and sold by the department are the 2½ cubic feet B.S.S. bins galvanised after manufacture.

The privy middens and pail closets mentioned above are unfortunately beyond the reach of the sewer.

(2) Refuse Collection Service

The following table gives the number and types of receptacles cleansed:-

Dustbins	393388
Privy Middens	104
Pail Closets	624

Collections take place at weekly intervals for most of the year and at intervals of 10 days during the very bad weather.

There was a strike of employees during the year but the effect of this was minimised by the issue of plastic sacks to the Public. When the strike was settled the workmen worked very well and were soon on top of the job again.

(3) Transport

3 S/D 16 cubic yard Fore and Aft Tippers and a Karrier Bantam 10 cubic year Dual Tip Refuse Collector.

(4) Staff

Drivers	4
Ashmen	15
Tipman	1
Salvage Man	1

Out Salvage Bonus helped to supplement the wages of the workmen besides providing a worth while service and ensuring a good collection of salvage.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The method of refuse disposal is by controlled tipping and the number of loads tipped was 3292 as follows:-

Newland Tip	3292
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The tip at Newland was very useful and this is centrally situated which cuts down delivery time to the tip.

The Case bulldozer continued to render useful service being very versatile and most useful.

Normanton is a mining district and the tonnage of refuse obtained is in consequence very high. It is interesting in this connection to note that due to the increasing number of all night burning grates, very often the residue was placed in the dustbin in a very hot condition and on many occasions it was necessary to slake the refuse in the dustbin with water before it could be loaded into the lorry, so as to prevent ignition of the combustibles, such as paper in the refuse. This can be a serious matter as it is a potential source of tip fires. There were two tip fires, during the year.

More and more new household goods of all kinds are being pre-packed often in materials which have no salvage value such as polythene. These containers accumulate at the tips in large quantities and add to the problem of refuse disposal particularly during the Summer months when the ash content is low and proportion of these materials is high.

SALVAGE

The material salvaged is waste paper.

The following are the figures for the financial year showing the amounts of salvageable materials collected and the cash obtained:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
<u>Waste Paper</u>						
April - June	42	1	0	431	0	3
July - September	30	3	0	300	11	7
October - December	30	6	0	310	11	6
January - March	37	0	2	379	10	0
	139	10	2	£1421	13	4

TOTAL SALVAGE REVENUE

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
WASTE PAPER	139	10	2	£1421	13	4

In any business, and the manufacture of board from Waste Paper is no exception, there are bound to be periodical fluctuations in demand but in spite of this our collection and sales have been maintained fairly well.

URBAN DISTRICT OF NORMANTON

DETAILS OF REFUSE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND SALVAGE COSTS

1st April, 1970 - 31st March, 1971

	£
Haulage Costs for Vehicles, including Drivers Wages	9753
Operational Wages, Superannuation and National Insurance Loaders, Tip Men, Baling Shed and Salvage	18386
Tools, baling wire and general repairs	403
Electricity	175
Protective Clothing	221
Fighting Tip fires	107
Rents and Rates payable	735
Pump Shaft Maintenance	28
Pumping arrangements	79
Extra fence at tip	20
Removing abandoned vehicles	85
Water supply to garage	10
Provision of plastic sacks (for strike)	222
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Less Salvage Receipts & Sundry Income	1422
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Central Establishment	6060
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CONCLUSION

This report would be incomplete were I not to express appreciation of the work of the staff in my department, in particular Mr. J. A. Lindsay, the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. J. Blake, Pupil Public Health Inspector, Mr. C. Garbett the Junior Assistant and Mrs. P. M. Senior, the departments Shorthand/Typist. The staff members have worked well during the year and deserve all the praise that can be given them.


May I also extend my thanks to the workmen in my department for their efforts during the year.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Members of the Council, the heads and individual members of other departments of the Council, and the Medical Officer of Health for their help and assistance during the year.

I am

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,


Chief Public Health Inspector.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961

Details regarding the above Acts are included on pages

2/10, and 2/11

